

William R. Wright Jr. "Bill"



PADI Divemaster

From yellow vinyl masks and ping-pong ball cage snorkels in the back yard pool to shooting HD video with the mantas in Kona, Bill has experienced quite a lot in his years of diving. The late 60's saw Bill's first serious diving as he started snorkeling off Palos Verdes. Spear fishing at Flat Rock cove and diving for abalone at Malaga were his activities after school when he wasn't surfing at Rat or Hagerty's.

When the family moved to New Jersey, Bill continued diving in lakes, quarries, and "down the shore" all through high school. Tiring of cheese steaks and hoagies, Bill returned to southern California for college and finally became a legal diver when he was certified by NAUI and LA County in 1974.

Upon graduation from USC's Film School, Bill settled into the SoCal waterman lifestyle with surfing, diving, sailing and fishing as his interests. As his family responsibilities increased, his diving decreased until, when on a family vacation in Hawaii, he went diving with his son. As he watched the wonder in Ian's eyes he knew he had to get back into the sport he loved so much. He then returned to Dive N' Surf, where years before he had bought his first pair of fins, to continue his avocation in diving.

Today as a PADI Divemaster, Bill loves to introduce new divers to the ocean realm and see the wonder on their faces just as he saw on his son years before. Bill's company, Wright Productions specializes in travel adventure television programming allowing Bill to pursue his passion for ocean adventures throughout the world.

Diving Experience

West Coast, Hawaii, East Coast, Caribbean, Yucatan Cenotes

Teaching Experience

Ten years teaching Television Production at the University of Southern California, School of Cinema Television. As a divemaster, teaching PADI Scuba Review.

Special Achievements

Several professional film and video awards including cable's ACE.

Diving Philosophy

"Just watch the wonder"

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